

What is Claimed is:

1. A puzzle piece comprising:  
a perimeter having a universal shape  
such that a second one of said puzzle piece may  
interlock with said puzzle piece;  
5 a first surface; and  
a second surface, wherein neither said  
first nor second surfaces include a portion of an  
overall puzzle image.
2. The puzzle piece of claim 1 wherein said  
first surface is customizable.
3. The puzzle piece of claim 1 wherein said  
first and second surfaces are customizable.
4. The puzzle piece of claim 1 wherein said  
first surface is customizable and said second surface  
is non-customizable.
5. The puzzle piece of claim 1 further  
comprising one or more indicia located on said first  
surface.
6. The puzzle piece of claim 5 wherein said  
first surface is non-customizable and said second  
surface is customizable.
7. The puzzle piece of claim 5 wherein said  
one or more indicia includes a logo.
8. The puzzle piece of claim 1, further  
comprising:  
an electronic output device;  
memory for storing media; and

5                   circuitry for playing said media on said electronic output device.

9.     The puzzle piece of claim 8 wherein said electronic output device is a speaker and said media is an audio segment.

10.    The puzzle piece of claim 8 wherein said electronic output device is a display.

11.    The puzzle piece of claim 8 further comprising an electronic input device.

12.    The puzzle piece of claim 8 further comprising circuitry for recording audio data.

13.    The puzzle piece of claim 1 wherein said universal shape is symmetrical.

14.    The puzzle piece of claim 1 wherein said universal shape has an even number of sides.

15.    The puzzle piece of claim 14 wherein said universal shape has four sides.

16.    The puzzle piece of claim 1 wherein said universal shape has an odd number of sides.

17.    The puzzle piece of claim 16 where said universal shape has three sides.

18.    The puzzle piece of claim 1 further comprising at least one male connector, wherein one or more indicia are printed on at least one of said at least one male connector.

19. The puzzle piece of claim 1 wherein said puzzle piece is virtual.

20. The puzzle piece of claim 1 wherein said puzzle piece is virtual and storable in a remote database.

21. The puzzle piece of claim 1 wherein said puzzle piece is virtual and customizable.

22. The puzzle piece of claim 1 wherein said first and second surfaces are located on a single layer of material.

23. The puzzle piece of claim 1 further comprising:

a first layer of material, wherein said first surface is located on said first layer; and

5 a second layer of material, wherein said second surface is located on said second layer.

24. The puzzle piece of claim 23 wherein said first and second layers form a sticker.

25. The puzzle piece of claim 23 wherein said first layer of material is customizable and said second layer of material is non-customizable.

26. The puzzle piece of claim 23 wherein said first and second layers are fixed together and non-removable from each other.

27. The puzzle piece of claim 1 further comprising:

a first layer of material, wherein said first and second surfaces are located on said first layer; and

a plurality of layers of material.

28. The puzzle piece of claim 27 wherein said plurality of layers are partially bound to and removable from said first layer.

29. The puzzle piece of claim 28 wherein the material of said plurality of layers is paper.

30. The puzzle piece of claim 29 wherein the material of said first layer is cardboard.

31. The puzzle piece of claim 1 further comprising an envelope, wherein said puzzle piece is provided in or with said envelope.

32. The puzzle piece of claim 31 wherein said envelope is transparent.

33. The puzzle piece of claim 31 further comprising at least one customization tool.

34. A puzzle piece pad comprising:  
a first universally shaped puzzle piece;  
and

at least one second universally shaped puzzle piece having the same shape as said first universally shaped puzzle piece, wherein said at least one second puzzle piece is aligned with said first puzzle piece and said first and at least one second puzzle pieces are attached together on one side.

35. The puzzle piece pad of claim 34 wherein said puzzle piece provided in or with a packaging.

36. The puzzle piece pad of claim 35 further comprising at least one customization tool provided in or with said packaging.

37. The puzzle piece pad of claim 36 wherein said at least one customization tool comprises one or more crayons, markers, pens, paint sets, or pencils.

38. A customizable puzzle piece sticker comprising:

a first layer having a universal shape;  
one or more indicia on said first  
5 layer, wherein said one or more indicia is not a  
portion of an overall puzzle image; and  
a second layer having the same shape as  
said first layer, wherein said second layer is  
removable from said first layer, said second layer is  
10 substantially devoid of one or more indicia, and said  
second layer is customizable.

39. The puzzle piece sticker of claim 38 wherein said second layer includes static cling properties after said second layer is removed from said first layer such that said second layer may adhere to a  
5 surface.

40. The puzzle piece sticker of claim 38 wherein said second layer includes a sticker adhesive on one side such that, after said second layer is removed from said first layer, said second layer may  
5 adhere to a different surface.

41. A punch-out puzzle piece consisting of:  
a layer of material, wherein a single  
universal puzzle piece is defined in said layer of  
material and the perimeter of said puzzle piece is  
5 perforated such that said universal puzzle piece may be  
punched out by a user.

42. The punch-out puzzle piece of claim 41  
wherein one or more indicia are located only on the  
portion of said layer of material where said universal  
puzzle piece is not defined.

43. A trading card puzzle piece comprising:  
male and female connectors defined by a  
perimeter of said puzzle piece; and  
a first surface, wherein said first  
5 surface includes a representation of an identifiable  
personality; and  
a customizable portion located on said  
puzzle piece.

44. The trading card puzzle piece of claim  
43 wherein an autograph of said sports figure is  
provided on said customizable portion.

45. The trading card puzzle piece of  
claim 43 wherein said perimeter has a universal shape.

46. The trading card puzzle piece of  
claim 43 further comprising:  
a second surface; and  
one or more indicia located on said  
5 second surface, wherein said one or more indicia is a  
portion of an overall puzzle image.

47. The trading card puzzle piece of claim 43 wherein said trading card puzzle piece is provided with a plurality of trading cards in a trading card pack.

48. A system for creating a virtual puzzle comprising:

a webserver configured to publish a virtual puzzle piece to a webpage; and

5 tools to customize said virtual puzzle piece.

49. The system of claim 48 wherein said virtual puzzle piece has a universal shape.

50. The system of claim 48 wherein said virtual puzzle piece has an identification number.

51. The system of claim 48 further comprising a user profile, wherein said virtual puzzle piece is associated to said user profile.

52. The system of claim 51 further comprising a login feature for accessing said user profile.

53. The system of claim 48 wherein said customization tools comprises one or more color palettes, cut functions, paste functions, copy functions, brush size functions, erase functions, paint  
5 functions, or zoom functions.

54. The system of claim 48 further comprising tools to place said virtual puzzle piece in a virtual puzzle.

55. The system of claim 48 further comprising a remote database configured to store said virtual puzzle piece.

56. The system of claim 48 wherein said customization tools includes an import tool, wherein said input tool allows an image to be imported onto said virtual puzzle piece.

57. The system of claim 55 wherein said database is configured to store the placement of said virtual puzzle piece in a puzzle.

58. The system of claim 57 wherein said webserver is configured to publish said puzzle to said webpage.

59. A machine readable medium having program logic imprinted thereon for:

providing a virtual puzzle piece; and  
providing tools to customize said

5 virtual puzzle piece.

60. The machine readable medium of claim 59 further comprising machine readable program logic imprinted thereon for publishing said virtual puzzle piece on the internet.

61. The machine readable medium of claim 59 wherein said virtual puzzle piece has a universal shape.

62. The machine readable medium of claim 59 further comprising machine readable program logic



imprinted thereon for placing said virtual puzzle piece in a virtual puzzle.

63. The machine readable medium of claim 62 further comprising machine readable program logic imprinted thereon for printing said puzzle.

64. The machine readable medium of claim 59 further comprising machine readable program logic imprinted thereon for printing said virtual puzzle piece.